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LETTERS OF WILLIAM SMITH, MINISTER TO PORTUGAL

(Continued from July)

(Private.)

LISBON, July 10th, '99.

DEAR SIR,—By some late information I have learnt that Col. Humphries would be very well pleased (on my leaving Lisbon) to resume his station at this Court.

The vexations he has long experienced at Madrid by the provoking conduct of that Court, and the connexions of Mrs. H.¹ at this place, together with his attachment to a place where he spent seven years, are among the inducements to this wish. Should our Executive be disposed to make an arrangement conformable to that wish, one obstacle would be removed to the policy which it appears to me essential for our government to pursue with regard to Spain, I mean a firm and energetic one. You have permitted me to write confidentially to you and I hope this Letter will be considered within the scope of the permission. I have the Col's authority for suggesting his disposition. His Letter and the papers will give you the latest news. I am Dear Sir with the greatest Esteem, Your ob. h. S't,

W. S.

The *Sophia* sailed with Dispatches for you the 2d Inst. I have just received a Letter from O'Brien, dated Algiers 3d. Ult. Nothing new.

[Memorandum,] . . . rec'd Sept'r 24th. . . .

¹ She was Miss Bulkeley, an Englishwoman, and perhaps a connection of Thomas Bulkeley, mentioned in these letters.

(Private.)

LISBON, August 1, 1799.

DEAR SIR,—I have just heard of an opportunity by St. Ube's. We learn that the french and spanish fleets have sailed from Cadiz, where they had entered after their cruize in the Mediterranean; it is unknown where they are now destined, it is supposed however for Ireland; the french squadron is said to be full of troops and the combined fleet consists of 42 sail of the line; the English have nothing to resist such a force and we're very apprehensive some considerable mischief may be done before the fleet, now in the Medit'n can follow them. Lord Keith,² now Comm'r, Lord St. Vincent having resigned, was seen off Carthagenia the 16th July; it is supposed he is endeavouring to get out of the Streights, but the combined fleet has greatly the start of him. It is reported that an English Squadron has burnt the five Spanish Ships of the Line in Rochelle.

By the last accounts from Italy, the french armies, after being completely defeated, were seeking a retreat towards Nice, which it is thought they will not be able to effect. The french army under Massena³ in Switzerland remains near Zurich; the Arch Duke is waiting for reinforcements. Championet is appointed Com'r of the Army of the Alps, under Joubert, Comm'r in Chief in Italy, and Moreau 'tis said is to replace Massena: Macdonald is recalled.

Notwithstanding the change in the Directory, the Council of 500 have no confidence in it and are taking all power to themselves; we shall soon see the old system of Comites. and guillotines. The Austro-Russians are probably by this time in France; by the last accounts they were near Briançon Mr. Pinto's promises have ended in smoke. With great regard, I am Dear Sir, Yours etc.,

W. S.

[Memorandum,] . . . rec'd Oct. 25.

(Private.)

LISBON, August 13th, '99.

DEAR SIR,—The report mentioned in my last of the burning the five Spanish Ships at Rochfort was untrue, that expedition having failed.

A few days ago Lord Keith with 32 Sail of the line passed this Port in pursuit of the combin'd fleets of 42 Sail: the latter were

² George Keith Elphinstone, viscount Keith (1746-1823).

³ André Masséna, duc de Rivoli (1758-1817).

seen not long ago off Oporto. Lord Keith sent in a letter to Gen'l Cuyler⁴ wherein he expressed his chagrin at not meeting the Enemy and his confidence of success in case of a rencontre; Lord Nelson with some ships was at Minorca; the King of Naples was to leave Palermo for Naples the 4th Ult; one of the Princes had already arrived there: we have since heard of the King's arrival. Macdonald was at Pistoia in the Tuscan Dominions, confin'd by wounds; the Inhabitants had driven the French from Florence and admitted the Austrians; Macdonald's army, reduced to 15,000 men, had retreated to Leghorn and Genoa; Moreau's army, weak in numbers, was in the neighborhood of Genoa, entrenched in the Mountains; but ere this Suwarrow⁵ must have taken Genoa and either captur'd Moreau's army or compelled it to retreat by Nice. Macdonald's army, if unable to embark at Leghorn, and thus escape, or unable to form a junction with Moreau, must surrender. Italy therefore will very shortly be entirely liberated, notwithstanding there is still a numerous sett of Republicans (Italians) in Rome and Naples. In Switzerland Massena still maintains his ground in the vicinity of Zurich, his army having been reinforced; the Arch-Duke, with his usual judgment, is waiting reinforcements, which he must receive soon from Italy; a Russian Corps is also on its way to Switzerland so that we expect every day to hear of Massena's retreat.

The last English papers contain official accounts of Bonaparte's complete defeat before Acre; the last french papers say the Spanish Ambass'r has received different accounts from the Spanish Amb. at Constantinople and that B. had taken Acre and was making progress in Syria; but the same papers, by railing at the Expedition to Egypt, seem to countenance the English accounts.

The System of Terror is making rapid progress at Paris and will shortly prevail; Barrère⁶ is to be recalled and unless the Constitutional party make vigorous exertions, the Two Councils will be consolidated into a Convention and the Directory metamorphosed into an Executive Council; the Jacobin Club dictates already and has forced Talleyrand, among others, to resign; his successor,

⁴ Cornelius Cuyler.

⁵ Alexander Vasilievich, count Suvárov (1729-1800).

⁶ Bertrand Barère de Vienzac (1755-1841).

Reinhard,⁷ who was the Commiss'r of the Directory in Tuscany and afterwards named Min. Plen. to the Helvetti Rep. lately embarked in an American Vessel at Leghorn for Marseilles, to enter on his new Duties, but as he is already denounced by the Club, Citizen *Reynard* will, I suspect, unless as cunning as his namesake, soon make way to *Charles De la Croix*,⁸ who is courting the Club to obtain his office; and between whom and Talleyrand there has been a paper war about the expedition to Egypt. The Council of Antients has rejected the Decree respecting the freedom of the Press and it is foretold will reject that for the Loan of one hundred millions; admirable reasons these for a consolidation and concentrating all the powers in one energetic body.

Three of the foreign Regiments in English pay lately sailed from hence for Minorca. I am with great Esteem Dear Sir, Yours etc.

W. S.

[Memorandum,] . . . rec'd Oct. 16.

(*Private.*)

LISBON, August 24th, '99.

DEAR SIR,—The French Gazettes to the 5th Inst. exhibit a dreadful picture of the political storm which rages throughout that Nation and threatens shortly to terminate in the restoration of the reign of Blood and Terror. While the allies are gradually approaching their Frontiers, the Councils and Directory are apparently only occupied in measures, which will prove ineffectual, for crushing the Jacobins. It is probable that the Club is, in a degree, instigated by Royalists, who consider Anarchy as an infallible step to Monarchy; but there is no doubt that the main object is to place in power a set of worthless Villains, who wish to concentrate all power in their sanguinary hands. Already Sieyès and Barras⁹ are denounced, and the Club insolently dictate to the Ministers. The Minister of Police has denounced the Club as unconstitutional, but it has many friends as well as members in both Councils. The King of Naples has returned to his Capital, and Card'l Ruffo¹⁰ has marched an Army into the Roman Territory.

⁷ Comte Charles Frédéric Reinhard (1761-1837).

⁸ Charles Delacroix de Constant (1741-1805).

⁹ Paul Jean François Nicolas Barras (1755-1819).

¹⁰ Fabrizio Ruffo (1744-1827).

Tuscany is entirely evacuated by the French. Macdonald had arrived at Genoa, and the remnant of his Army, join'd to Moreau's, was retreating towards France. There is an official letter of Massena's of 29th July, giving an account of an attack by the Arch-Duke on his Lines, which had failed, with the loss of 600 prisoners and 300 killed and wounded: the same paper states that Massena was recalled. Strong reinforcements were about to join Prince Charles. The Royalists are shewing themselves boldly in every part of France and symptoms of insurrection daily increasing. We have no accounts of the fleets. Bonaparte's disasters are confirmed by Sir S. Smith's¹¹ official letter. Day before yesterday arrived a schooner from Boston in twenty-two days. The Captain informs us that the *U. States* and *Constitution* F [rigates] were going to the Mediterranean. I have communicated this to O'Brien. With sincere regard I am respectfully Dear Sir, Yours.

W. S.

(Private.)

LISBON, August 28th, '99.

A Letter from Italy mentions the Surrender of Mantua on the 8th inst. as certain.

Col. H[umphreys] says the combined fleets entered Brest the 9th, but the *Emerald* Frigate passed thro them on the 9th a great way to the Southward of Brest and gave the intelligence to Lord Keith, who was within two days sail of them.

Gen'l Cuyler and his staff are expected to leave this Country soon, the English troops here being reduced to a small number.

O'Brien in a Letter of the 8th inst. writes, "I understand you have protested the Bill in favor of Boui for the Ship *Fortune*, which I am sorry for:" no further notice is taken of the refusal to accept the bill.

The french papers to the 9th inst. contain nothing very important. The Jacobins, finding they had given alarm and were unsupported by some of their leading partizans in the Councils, have for the present changed their tone and affect now to support the Constitution—but this is "reculer pour mieux sauter."

W. S.

[Memorandum.] . . . rec'd Nov. 16.

¹¹ Sir William Sidney Smith (1764-1840), the defender of Acre.

(Private.)

LISBON, August 31, '99.

DEAR SIR,—I rec'd today the letter of which the inclosed is an Extract, which appear'd to me of sufficient importance to communicate to you, *confidentially*, to make such use, after perusal, of it as you may think expedient. * * *¹² The writer has long been favored with the particular friendship of Col. Woronzow¹³ the Russian Minister in London. I was apprehensive our nomination of other Envoys to F[rance]¹⁴ would produce an unfavorable effect in the Cabinets of Peter and St. J[ames's], and my apprehensions are now confirmed: probably Mr. K[ing] has intimated as much to you, but, in his last letters to me, he had not heard the Count's sentiments relative to my Mission.

The fall of Mantua and Alex[andri]a liberates 30,00 men, who will now soon clear the Genoese Territories of the remnant of the french army. It is reported that the French Command't was obliged to deliver that Fortress, for fear of an insurrection in the Town. Letters from Trieste of 22 July mention the capture of Alex'a in Egypt. The french gazettes mention a bloody action in Switzerland 3d August, but the result they say was *uncertain*. In the Club at Paris, it has been publicly avowed (and applauded) that the Club were *Jacobins*. By the last accounts they were proceeding however with more caution and it is said that a Law will be passed, restraining them within certain bounds. Should the Act of accusation be rejected, their resentment will then burst forth into a flame—we shall then see whether they dare cope with the constituted authorities. At Bourdeaux, the Club has pronounced a public eulogium on the memory of Robespierre, and the Decree for recalling Barrère, which passed the 500 was only rejected in the Antients because it embraced Vadier¹⁵ and Billaud.¹⁶ Carnot¹⁷ will also be restored, I think, but not Pichegrue¹⁸ or

¹² So in the original. There are three stars also in the margin with three figures: 270. 377. 150, a cypher interpreted "my brother."

¹³ Semen Romanovich Vorontsov (1743?–1832).

¹⁴ The naming of Oliver Ellsworth, William Vans Murray and William Richard Daire to reopen relations with the French government.

¹⁵ Marc Guillaume Alexis Vadier (1736–1828).

¹⁶ Jean Nicolas Billaud-Varenne (1756–1819).

¹⁷ Lazare Nicolas Marguerite Carnot (1753–1823).

¹⁸ Charles Pichegru (1761–1804).

Barthélemy.¹⁹ Have you seen Liancourt's ridiculous book?²⁰ The only good thing in it is his account of the President, and Charleston. I am Dear Sir Yours etc.,

[Unsigned]

[Memorandum,] . . . Wm. Smith, Esq. Lisbon August 31, 1799. rec'd Nov. 8.

See inclosure. Sentiments of Count Woronzow on the proposed treaties with Russia and the Porte.

[ENCLOSURE]

Extract of a letter from London, of July 29th 1799.

"In the Count Woronzow we should have found a warm friend had not the Councils of our Country experienced an unfortunate change. On my return here from Ireland I found him very desirous that there should be formed a Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Russia and America. He spoke to me in terms which I could attribute only to the kindness which he has always shewn me, and expressed Sentiments highly favorable to our Country.

"Since the receipt of your last letter I took an opportunity of speaking to him very particularly on the subject of your mission to Constantinople, when, with a degree of frankness and sincerity seldom connected with the diplomatic character, he observed that the apparent inconsistency of character exhibited by our government would not only render his Court averse from forming any Alliance with us, at this moment, but that the Russian minister at Constantinople, who possesses very great Influence, would consistently with his duty oppose any Negotiations you might engage in, unless he had received instructions to favor them. He said he should be very happy to give you a letter to Mr. Tamara, but that under these circumstances, it could only be a letter calculated to induce that minister to render the society of Constantinople, as agreeable to you as possible during your stay there, without being of any use to you in forwarding the objects you had in view; and that he hoped you would not set out on your mission, until there

¹⁹ François de Barthélemy (1750-1830).

²⁰ François Alexandre Frédéric, duc de La Rochefoucauld-Liancourt (1747-1827), author of "Voyage dans les Etats-Unis d'Amérique fait de 1795 à 1798, published in 1800.

could be a proper understanding on the subject, and the favorable dispositions ascertained of the Courts of Petersburg and St. James's."

(*Private.*)

LISBON, September 10th 1799.

DEAR SIR,—I was greatly distressed to find by your letter of 2d July that you had revived your determination of separating your Son from me, having flattered myself that you had acquiesced in his continuance with me for some time longer. My letter of 19th June on this subject having expressed my chagrin, and reluctance to part with so estimable a friend and at the same time my deference for the motives which induced so painful a resolution on your part, I shall refer you to that Letter the sentiments of which are still unimpaired in my breast: I shall only repeat my most earnest wishes that your system may be productive of every benefit you can anticipate and of every happiness to one, whose welfare will be as interesting to me as that of my own Son.

With respect to the mode of getting to England, none is generally so eligible as that of the Packets, which sail nearly every week: Should Gen'l Cuyler and his suite leave this soon in a Frigate, I will endeavour to procure John a birth; but this is very uncertain.

As Mr. King is now at Brighton and there is no Term till November, I suppose John will not think of leaving Lisbon till next month. I am Dear Sir with the sincerest regard Your ob. St.,

Wm. Smith.

[Memorandum,] . . . rec'd Nov. 6. . . .

(*Private.*)

LISBON, September 12th '99.

DEAR SIR,—About an hour ago I received information that an American frigate had anchored off Bellem (in the Tagus). From our Terrace, we see her very plainly, but can't ascertain her force, tho she appears large; near her is a Brig; the latter deeply laden, but we can't discern whether she is armed or not. As the Packet is about to sail I can give you no further information but will keep my letter open to the last moment. Yesterday a report prevailed that Massena had been defeated and pursued into the french territory by the Arch-Duke's Cavalry; I give it only as a report. Previous to this Massena's right wing had gained possession of Mount St. Gothard and Mt. Furca in the Vallais, important posi-

tions. Moreau is said to be badly wounded in the last great Battle in Italy: it seems the french had fixed on a certain hour to attack the Austro-Russians, but Suwarrow anticipated them. With sincere regards, Yours etc.

W. S.

(*Private.*)

LISBON, September 14, 1799.

DEAR SIR,—The day before yesterday the *Insurgente* Frigate arrived here from a Cruize in 29 days from Hampton Roads during which time she cruized off the Western Isles and as far north as Vigo, but met no frenchmen. She will sail the day after tomorrow, and after looking perhaps into Cadiz and Gibraltar go to the West-India Station. From various accounts we had been led to expect two frigates to be stationed in the Mediterranean but Capt. Murray²¹ says the project will not take place. A British frigate arrived here two days ago, having on board Lord Elgin²² the new Ambassador for Constantinople. He has just left me, after a visit of an hour, during which he stated the conversation he had had with Mr. King on the subject of my mission and proffered the politest tender of his services; should I go to Constantinople it will be very agreeable to me to have made a previous acquaintance with a gentleman, whose influence will be very great and whose acquirements and manners will make him an interesting acquaintance. From him I learn that the British Troops had landed on the Island of the Texel after an engagement with the french troops, in which the former lost about 400 men and the latter a much greater number: two Ships of the Line and five frigates had already surrendered and it was supposed the remainder would do the same, as the English had a commanding position and the Dutch were well disposed.

I sent you lately a copy of some observations made to me by a friend in London who had conversed with Count Woronzow on the subject of our negotiations with the Porte; Lord Elgin who has lately had some conversation with the Count informs me that our late nomination of Envoys to France has considerably displeased the Russ[ian] Gov't and that the Count expressed himself on the

²¹ Alexander Murray (1755–1821), in command of the *Insurgent*.

²² Thomas Bruce, seventh Earl of Elgin (1766–1841) who brought to England from Greece the famous "Elgin marbles."

subject with warmth. I observ'd to Lord E. that the conduct of our Execut. had been much misunderstood, that so far from shewing any propensities to french principles, we were at open war with them, as well as with France, that our Executive had said nothing more than the Executive of England after the return of Lord Malmesbury²³ from Lisle, viz. that we were still disposed to renew our connexions of amity with France, whenever she should shew a disposition to treat on terms rational and honorable, that after our Enboys had been refused a reception, the President had made a public declaration that he would send no more Envoys till he should receive the fullest assurances of their being received, etc., etc.; that our government, not satisfied with the assurances received, would not, (tho Envoys were nominated, which was unavoidable as the Senate were about to adjourn till December) send them forward till further assurances of the most satisfactory nature were transmitted by the Directory, and that unquestionably no accommodation would take place between the U. S. and F. until such a change of conduct and principles should take place in F as would ensure a safe, honorable and lasting peace. I added some other observations tending to remove every suspicion that we had a secret hankering after french principles and to prepossess him favorably respecting our policy and views. On my observing that tho we were always ready for war to defend our Just rights, yet no wise nation would wantonly seek war, when peace was attainable on proper conditions; he said, that was true generally, but the present views of France were so hostile to all regular governments that they required the hostility of all regular governments to defect them; I answered I agreed with him, and was convinced that no accommodation would take place between the U. S. and F. while the present views of F. predominated, nor until such a change should occur as would ensure the safety of our government from jacobinism. He seemed pleased with this explanation and renewed his offers of service in the friendliest terms.

The french papers will give you an insight into the internal state of the great Nations. Nothing material since my last as to their external state, except some temporary advantages of Massena,

²³ James Harris, first earl of Malmesbury (1746-1820). His unsuccessful mission to Lille was in July, 1797.

which are greatly exaggerated in those gazettes, and which the Russians have by this time rectified. I am Dear Sir with great regard Your ob. St.,

W. S.

[Memorandum] . . . rec'd Nov. 6.

(*Private.*)

LISBON, Sep., 22d, '99.

DEAR SIR,—While Lord Elgin was here I saw him frequently and we contracted an intimacy which will be of good service to me personally and to the U. S. also, should I got to Constantinople. He goes as Ambassador Extraordinary and from the recent services of England which have saved Syria and perhaps the Ottoman Empire, his influence will be very great; of course his private friendship for me will not fail to be extremely advantageous.

Having understood that the *Insurgente* frigate was to cruize towards Gibraltar, he expressed a wish she might sail when he did and keep company thus far, as a greater security; I was not a little flatter'd, as you may suppose, by this intimation, but still did not venture to suggest any thing on the subject to Capt. Murray, lest he might be influenced to alter his arrangements; but as the two Bulkeleys were at my house when Lord E. expressed the wish, I desir'd Mr. B. the father to write to Capt. M. and inform him of what had passed; this had the desir'd effect, for Capt. M. immediately assented and waited for the *Phaeton* frigate, of which Cap. Morris²⁴ her commander was apprized, and they both sailed together a few days ago. When Lord E. heard an American frigate had just arriv'd he suppos'd she was come for me, and expressed his disappointment that I was not to accompany him.

I was much pleased with our frigate and her crew; she is in fine order, well regulated, well manned and does us great credit.

We have nothing new since my last; no accounts from London later than the 2d; we have Paris papers to the same date, which mention their having recovered loire in the Grisons, but little credit is due to it. Fauchet²⁵ and Adet²⁶ are said to be sent as

²⁴ James Nicoll Morris (1763–1830).

²⁵ Jean Antoine Joseph Fauchet (1761–1834).

²⁶ Pierre Auguste Adet (1763–1834).

Commissioners to St. Domingo and Victor Hughes²⁷ to Cayenne, not as *Prisoner*, but as Commissioner; new Commissioners are also mentioned for Guadaloupe. In a french paper they have *Knighted* the President and called his *Sir John Adams*. Ancona and Tortona are said to have fallen; Genoa capitulated. The Russians are arrived in Swi[tzerlan]d. With Esteem Yours etc.,

W. S.

[Memorandum] . . . rec'd Nov. 12.

(*Private.*)

LISBON, Oct. 2, '99.

DEAR SIR,—Your private letter of 6th Aug. which I received a few days ago informs me "that Mr. King had been desired to inquire whether I would be received at the Porte, and that by the time this shall have been ascertained, the way might be clear for my going to Constantinople." I am in hopes of soon receiving your answer to my letter (private) of 19th June, wherein I suggested the advantages to be derived from a previous visit to London. Your Son is making his preparations for his departure, a painful one it will be to me, and yet I console myself, in some measure, with the hope that your plan will lead him to wealth and honors: if merit can ensure them, I will be the pledge of his success.

Col. Humphreys gives you the latest news—it is surprizing that we have yet no authentic account about Genoa, tho it must be in the hands of the Allies. We hear no more about the pacific proposals of France to the Emperor of G[ermany], it is certain however that he opposed the Count d'Artois's going to Switz[erlan]d alledging that such a measure would be premature. The Conclave for the election of a Pope²⁸ is to be held at Venice, which will give the H. of Austria great influence; the Emperor's Uncle, the Archbishop of Cologne, will be among the candidates. The Emperor Paul wishes to avail himself of this opportunity to unite the Greek and Catholic Churches. His manifesto against Spain is considered as impolitic; it is certainly ill drawn,²⁹ but there is a

²⁷ Victor Hugues (1762–1826).

²⁸ Pius VI died, a prisoner of the French, August 29, 1799. His successor was Luigi Barnaba Chiaramonti (1742–1823), who took the title of Pius VII.

²⁹ Paul I (1754–1801). The "manifesto" was a declaration of war and may be seen in "Annual Register," 1799, 291.

state paper addressed to his Ministers at foreign Courts on the same subject, much fuller and more raisonné. The Abbé Sieyès and the Minister of Police, Fouché,³⁰ furnish you with many valuable ideas on the freedom of the press. With much esteem, I am Dear Sir Yours etc.

W. S.

The 5 Spanish Ships which were at Rochelle have returned to Ferrol. Fouchet and Adet appointed Commissioners to the islands have prudently declined.

[Memorandum] . . . rec'd Dec'r 27.

(*Private.*)

LISBON, Oct. 19, '99.

DEAR SIR,—It has happened fortunately that just about the time that John had fixed on for his voyage to England, the *Zealous*, Capt. Hood,³¹ British 74, has touched here in her way to England, and the Captain, an intimate friend of Mr. Bulkeley has very obligingly given John a passage; Gen'l Cuyler goes in the same Ship and they sail on the 22d. Tho I have so often mention'd my great regret at your Son's leaving me I cannot withhold a renewal of my sorrow now the period of his departure is at hand, nor the repetition of my sincerest and warmest wishes for his prosperity.

I have written to Charleston to offer the Secretaryship to my brother in law Lieut. George Izard of the Artillery.³² I have heard the most favorable accounts of his talents and believe the proposal will be agreeable to his parents as well as himself. In that case, it is probable he will wait on you to receive your orders. Should it be in your power to obtain for him a leave of absence without losing his military rank you would render the family and me a great service. At some future period his military science may be very useful to the U. States. If any thing of this kind is practicable, please to inform him of it.

The affairs of the allied powers don't proceed with that rapid flow of success we anticipated. By the packet which arrived yesterday it appears that the resistance in North Holland is greater than was expected and that the campaign may terminate in a re-embarkation. From Switzerland we learn that Zurich is

³⁰ Joseph Fouché, duc d'Otrante (1763-1820).

³¹ Sir Samuel Hood (1762-1814).

³² (1777-1825), son of Ralph and Alice (De Lancey) Izard.

retaken by the French who are manifestly superior in numbers to the Austro-Russians. In Italy, things remain statu quo and Genoa still holds out, in France, the Government has got more settled and acquired more power and consistency. Manheim is however in the hands of the Austrians, who are making progress on the Rhine. I am Dear Sir with the sincerest regard Your most ob. St.,

Wm. Smith.

[Memorandum] . . . rec'd Feb'y 11, 1800.

(To be continued)

BERRINGER NOTES

Compiled by MABEL L. WEBBER

These notes are compiled from the genealogical papers of the late Motte Alston Read, Esq., he having had made copies of wills filed in Barbadoes, after discovering that he had accepted and followed an error in regard to the maiden name of the wife of the first James Moore, Governor of the Province of South Carolina from 1700-1702.¹

It has been generally accepted by students of South Carolina genealogy, that James Moore married the widow of Sir John Yeamans, and that she was the mother of his children; later research has shown the Governor Moore married Margaret Berringer,² the posthumous daughter of Col. Benjamin Berringer and his wife Margaret, born Foster; Margaret Berringer, widow of Col. Benjamin Berringer, married in Barbadoes, April 11, 1661,³ Col. John Yeamans, afterwards Sir John Yeamans, Governor of South Carolina. Sir John died in South Carolina in August, 1674,⁴ and his widow later married William Walley, of Barbadoes.

Col. Benjamin Berringer died January, 1660, and was buried in the Church of All Saints, St. Peters Parish, Barbadoes. He left a nuncupative will, recited below. His children by Margaret Foster were:

1. Mary, born in 1652 or earlier, and who married May 23, 1667, Capt. Thomas Maycock.⁵

2. Symon, born 1650 or earlier, who was apparently of age when Sir John Yeamans made his will in 1671.

3. Jehu, [constantly miscopied as John, causing continuous confusion] under age in 1671.

4. Margaret, born in 1660, after the death of her father.

On 12th of April, 1662. Col. John Yeamans, and Margaret his wife, relict of Col. Benjamin Berringer, late of Barbadoes, deceased,

¹ McCrady, vol. 1670 to 1719. This *Magazine* Vol. xi. p. 118.

² This *Magazine* Vol. xix, p. 155. Here Col. Benj. Berringer is given by error as Jehu.

³ *Carribeana*, Vol. 4, Part 2, April, 1915.

⁴ This *Magazine*, Vol. 21, p. 37.

⁵ *Carribeana*, Vol. 4, part 2. April, 1915.

made depositions concerning her four children by the said Lieut. Col. Benjamin Berringer, viz: Mary, Symon, John [Jehu] and Margaret (posthumous).

Extract of Will of Col. Benjamin Berringer, from Registration Office, Barbadoes, taken for Mr. M. A. Read, in October 1915, by W. L. Haynes, Registrar.

"I desire you will please to take the Depositions of such persons as shall be produced before you by the Honble. Collo. John Yeamans and Margaret his wife with what convenient Speed you can, they being concerning a nuncupative will formerly made by Lieut. Col. Benjamin Berringer, late of this Island deceased, which is all at present from

Your affectionate friend to serve you,
Hum. Waldron.

10 April, 1662.

To the Honble. Collo. James Browne,
these presents
Barbadoes

This 12th day of April, 1662, personally appeared before me Coll: James Browne thereunto authorized by order from the Honorable Collonell Humphrey Waldron President.

Collo: John Yeamans and Margaret, his wife, the relict of Lieut: Collonell Benjamin Berringer late of this Island deceased, who prayed on the behalf as well of her the said Margaret as also of four children of the said Lieut: Collonell Benjamin Berringer deceased, (viz:) Mary, Symon, Jehu, and Margaret, that the last will and testament of him, the said Lieut: Collonell Benjamin Berringer might be proved before me, which will followeth in these words (that is to say) I, meaning himself, the said Benjamin Berringer, do give all my Estate to my wife and children, and out of that to my daughter Mary one thousand pounds Sterling, and for proof of the same produced these following witnesses."

[The depositions of the various witnesses were not sent to Mr. Read, save that of Alice Botely's evidence, which proves that Margaret was born after the death of her father. The transcriber also states positively that the name of the third child is *Jehu* and not John]

Sir John Yeamans' will, dated May 20, 1671, proved Dec. 1, 1674,⁶ mentions among others, Lt. Col. Berringer's estate, and his wife's share in it, also her children, John [Jehu] and Margaret, under twenty-one, Symon and Mrs. Mary Maycock.

This will, recorded in Columbia, is a copy of a copy, and *Jehu* is given as *John*. Both names, John and Jehu, appear in the Berringer and Moore families, and the frequent mis-copying has caused considerable confusion.

Simon Berringer had a warrant for 3000 acres land for self and servants, arriving 1671 and 1672, dated 5th Sept. 1674.⁷

Jehu Berringer had warrant for 3000 acres for self and servants arriving 1670. Dated 5th September, 1674.⁸

In "Registers Records", 1675-96 (Historical Commission, Columbia) page 496, there is recorded an Indenture dated 1 May, 1688 Between James Moore, Esq. of Berkley County, Province of South Carolina and Hon. James Colleton; Moore sets over to said Colleton, 12 Negro slaves as security.

Endorsed: "Rec^d: from James Moore £110, part of £218:12: bills of Exchange drawn upon Majr: Jehu Berringer in Barbadoes."

On 20 Feb. 1701-2 John Berringer and Capt. David Davis give bond to Gov. James Moore, said John Berringer administrator of the estate of Coll: Jehu Berringer late of Barbadoes deceased. (P. C. Charleston, 1687-1710 p. 57).

John Berringer had a grant for 1800 acres in Berkeley, 17 May, 1701, bounding N. on Wm. Hawet and James Beard. W. on Abraham Delaplain. S. on Benjamin Marion. S. E. on Robert Wellock. (Proprietors Grants vol. 38).

He had a grant of 90 acres in Berkeley, East side of Branch of Edisto, called 4 holes; West on pond, outside said River, Dec. 1, 1702, and 210 in Berkeley, East side branch of Edisto, called three holes, 1 May, 1703.

Mr. John Berringer witnesses a deed between Wm. Waties and Thomas Pinckney (town lots 20 and 73) merchant of Charles Towne, 7 October, 1703. (P. C. Bk. 1694-1704, p. 405) and 27 Oct. 1703, Thomas Pinckney conveys, for £50 to John Berringer part of two town lots in Charles Town, known on grand Modell

⁶ This *Magazine*, Vol. xi, p. 112.

⁷ Printed *Warrants*.

⁸ *Ibid.*

as numbers 20 and 73. Jas. Moore, and Benj: Schenckengh, Robert Gibbs, and Jonathan Drake, witnesses.

The will of Gov. James Moore, senior, dated Nov. 1st, 1703, and proved Nov. 6, 1706, gives to his wife Margaret his plantation at "Wassamsah" for life or widowhood, slaves, &c.

Son James Moore 2/9 of his personal estate; Sons Jehu, Roger, Maurice, John and Nathaniel, daughters, Ann Davis, Mary and Rebecca, the remains of the personal estate. Daughter Margaret Schencking, £20 for mourning. Appoints wife Margaret Moore, friend Job (Howe?), and "kind Cousin" John Berringer, and son, James Moore, to be executors.

The Public Records of South Carolina, vol. 19, page 145, (manuscripts in Office of Historical Commission, Columbia, S.C.), gives a letter from Col. James Moore to Sir Nathaniel Johnson dated 10th of April, 1704, which states:

" Capt. John Berringer, fighting bravely at the head of our men was killed at Foot. Capt. Fox dy'd of a wound given him at our first storming of the Fort"⁹

On 16th January, 1709, at Barbadoes, Robert Bishop and Mary his Wife convey to Col. John Gibbes all their estate and interests in South Carolina, given to Mary Berringer, now wife of Robert Bishop, by her brother, Mr. John Berringer, late of the said province of Carolina, deceased, by his will, 1st of Nov. 1703. Robert Yeamans, Stephen Gibbes, Benjamin Gibbes and Benjamin—witnesses; proved the 28th January, 1709 before Thomas Maycock, registered the 30th of June, 1726 (M.C.O. Book E page 254)

John Berringer's will is recorded in Barbadoes; it has disappeared from the records here. The abstract given below is taken from a copy which Mr. Read had made in Barbadoes.

"Nov. 1, 1703 I John Berringer, of Berkeley County, Province of South Carolina, gentleman, in perfect health of Body and sound Memory I give and bequeath to

⁹ This took place at the attempt to capture Fort Ayaville and St. Louis Fort, Moore's Expedition against the Spaniards and Indians in Dec. 1703. The account given in the *Boston News*, May, 1704, and frequently reprinted, give Capt. John *Bellinger* as the man killed, which error has been followed by Rivers and McCrady and other historians, but the English transcripts show the name to have been *Berringer*.

my loving friend and Kinsman, Capt. Benjamin Schenckingh my large and best black mare, and my bay stone horse and colt, and 20 pounds for mourning. To my deare Aunt Margarett Moore, a Suit of Mourning, and my Gelding called Jack.

To my deare Sister, Mary Berringer, and My Cozen, Nathaniel Moore, and the heirs of their bodyes lawfully to be begotten, all the Remainder of my Personal Estate, and all the Real Estate in Carolina, or Elsewhere, to be divided between them; if either dye without heirs aforesaid, then that part to my heirs general. The profits of that part of my Estate given to my Cozen Nathaniel Moore to be paid over to the use of my Aunt Margarett Moore until my Cozen Nathaniel Moore arrives at the age of Eighteen Years.

Uncle James Moore and Kinsman Benjamin Schenckingh to be Executors. (Signed) John Berringer.

James Stone, James Child, John Christer and William Adams, witnesses.

Recorded in the Secretary's office in South Carolina, 27 of March, 1703-4. Recorded in Barbadoes 14th October, 1704.

There are two other Berringer wills among those copied for Mr. Read; that of Elizabeth Berringer, dated 5th of July, 1690, proved 19th May, 1692, and of Col. John Berringer, abstracts given below.

"Elizabeth Berringer, sometime wife of John Sampson, late of the Island of Antigua deceased. Will by consent of present husband, John Berringer, Esq.

Whereas my said deceased husband, John Sampson, by last will bequeathed to me certain legacies above my dower, to care for and educate his children, and the management of all his estate until his sons become 21. I make my husband executor and guardian of my children by my former husband, and the management of my former husband's estate both in the Island of Antigua and elsewhere.

Codicil dated 5th July, 1690. Barbadoes. Leaves to sons, John Sampson and Francis Sampson, daughter Mary Sampson and unborn child, each £100 Sterling out of the estate in Antigua when 21. To daughter, Mary Sampson, Pearl Necklace of two strings, Gold locket set with Diamonds, large silver Tankard and one silver Plate, to be delivered when she is of age. Should husband, John Berringer, die before my sons are of age, then my brother, William Humphries, to be their guardian, and to take care of their estate."

"Coll. John Berringer, of the Island of Barbadoes, Esq. sick in body, but of sound and disposing mind.

To wife, Susannah, all household stuff, my coach and coach horses, and all my silver and gold plate, one Negro man named Laming; further appoint my wife to have her accommodated on my Leeward Plantation during her widowhood, all this above what is secured to her by me deed before our intermarriage.

To my daughter, Mary, and her heirs, £1000 Sterling at 21 or marriage, also Negro woman Mary Sevanna and her two children.

To my daughter Elizabeth when 21 or married, £1000 Sterling, and Negro girl Janny.

My two daughters to have their maintenance and decent and liberal education out of my estate until their said portions become due.

To my sister, Eliza Yeamans, £200 Sterling, within two years after my decease.

I am informed that the deed of settlement which I executed immediately before my marriage with my said wife, Susanna, may be construed to entangle my Leeward Plantation upon my heirs begotten on the body of my said wife, and so exclude my eldest son, John, which was never my intent, therefore I further will that in the case the child my wife now goeth with do enjoy my said leeward Plantation, then in that case, I give to my said son, John, Six Thousand Pounds Sterling, to be paid him by the child my wife now goeth with out of my Leeward Plantation; the residue of my estate, real and personal, here in this Island and elsewhere, I bequeath to my said son, John.

Good friends, Richard Walter and John Whitstone, Esq, to be executors and guardians.

13th August, 1693, (Signed) John Berringer.

Thomas Foulerson, Benjamin Hargrave, Charles Middleton, Willoughby Gibbs, witnesses.

Proved by Thomas Foulerson as the will of Coll. John Berringer, 17th of October, 1694."

At present, we have not sufficient information to show the relationship of this John Berringer to those who came to South Carolina.

MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE CITY
GAZETTE

Copied by JEANNIE HEYWARD REGISTER

(Continued from July)

Married, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Buist, Mr. James McDowall, to Miss Catharine Cochran, both of this city. (Tuesday, July 2, 1799).

Married, on Tuesday evening last, by the rev. Mr. Jenkins, Mr. James Fogaritie, to Miss Sarah Boulton Scott, both of this city.

Died, on Sunday morning last, after a long and painful illness which she bore with Christian fortitude, Mrs. Elizabeth Tousiger, widow of the deceased Peter Tousiger; she has left four daughters, grand children, and a numerous sight of acquaintances to lament her loss. (July 4, 1799).

Died, in this city, on Friday evening last, after a lingering disease, Daniel Huger, esq. for several years a representative in the Congress of the United States for the District of Camden in this state.

Died Suddenly, on Saturday last, Mr. Joseph Roper, aged upwards of 60 years, an industrious and worthy citizen. (Monday, July 8, 1799).

Died, on the 29th of June, 1799, at Rocky Mount on Catawba River, Mr. Lucas Senf, father of Col. Senf, in the 78th year of his age.

Died, on Monday the 8th inst. in the dawn of youth, Miss Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. John Miller, of Georgia, from whence she was sent by her father about 14 months ago, to this city, for the purpose of acquiring an useful education, in which she had made considerable progress. She was a young lady of uncommon sweetness of temper, and by the amiableness of her manners and propriety of conduct had riveted the affections of the family in which she resided, so close, that her death has plunged it in deep distress. She promised fair to be a comfort to her relations, and an ornament to her sex, had it pleased the Almighty to have protracted her existence.

"Sleep soft in dust, wait the Almighty's will,
The rise unchang'd, and be an angle still."

(Thursday, July 11, 1799).

Married, on Saturday evening, the 13th instant, by the Rev. P. Mathews, Clement Richard, esq., a native of France, to the amiable and accomplished Miss Ann Jones, a native of Boston. (Tuesday, July 16, 1799).

Departed this life, on Monday the 15th instant, Mrs. Katharine Blacklock, wife of Mr. William Blacklock, merchant, after a long and severe illness, which she bore with truly Christian patience and fortitude, and even with the most cheerful serenity, and perfect resignation to the will of heaven. Her loss will be deeply felt, and sincerely lamented, and her memory will long be held dear by her numerous friends and acquaintances, who will not fail on this sorrowful occasion to sympathize with her afflicted family. (Wednesday, July 17, 1799).

Yesterday, departed this life, in the 75th year of his age, George Sheed, esquire, for many years an able and indefatigable school-master in this city. He had the honor of having been the tutor of many citizens, who eminently distinguished themselves in the revolutionary war, both in the cabinet and on the field; and of many others who have either shone in the different trades and professions, or have been highly respected in the more retired walks of life. By the whole of them he was so justly esteemed, for his method in teaching, for his close application to the faithful discharge of the sacred trusts committed to him, and for, his unshaken honor and probity in his dealings, that the education of many of their children and grand-children, devolved upon him with equal reputation. He has also, with great fidelity, served as a member of the legislature, and in several honorable and confidential appointments in the city.

The South Carolina Society in particular, and his friends in general, are invited to attend his Funeral, at his house in King Street, No. 283, which will move precisely at half past six o'clock this Evening. (Thursday, July 18, 1799).

Died, on the 13th inst. in the 34th year of his age, Charles Fox Taylor, esq. lately from the Bahama Islands. (Friday, July 19, 1799).

Married, in Christ-Church parish, on Thursday evening, the 18th instant, by the Rev. Peter M. Parker, Mr. Jonathan Lucas, jun. to the amiable and accomplished Miss Sarah Lydia Simons, of the Grove. (Saturday, July 20, 1799).

Died, on Thursday morning, Mr. George C. Pope, aged 23 years, after a few days illness. (Monday, July 22, 1799).

Married, on Saturday evening last, by the Rev. P. Mathews, Mr. Richard Jones, a native of Boston, to Miss Mary Thenton, a native of New York. (Tuesday, July 23, 1799).

Died, on Saturday last, at Hampstead, Mrs. Susannah Perry, aged 75 years and 10 months, after a lingering and distressing illness for upwards of three years past.

Died, on Wednesday, Mrs. Margaret Rose, wife of A. Rose, esq. of Charleston, formerly of the respectable family of Smith of this State.....(Wednesday, July 24, 1799).

Died, in the 41st year of her age, Mrs. Sabina E. Huger. In strength and cultivation of understanding, and in the exercise of benevolent affections, she was an ornament of her sex, and a treasure to society. Her family and friends, to whom she was uncommonly dear, will long retain an affectionate remembrance of her great worth, while all who knew her will join in lamenting, that a person of so many virtues, and of such amiable dispositions, was at so early and so important a period of her life removed from time to eternity. (Monday, July 29, 1799).

Died, in this city, on Wednesday last, in the 21st year of her age, Mrs. Amarantha Walters Airs, wife of Charles Airs, esq. of Christ-Church parish, and only daughter of the late Mr. John Walters Gibbs.

Died, early on Sunday morning, after a few days illness, in the prime of life, Mr. James Crombie, much and sincerely lamented. (Tuesday, July 30, 1799).

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Frost, Mr. John Haslett, to the amiable and accomplished Miss Mary Wilson. (Saturday Aug. 3, 1799).

Married, in this city, on Thursday last, by the Rev. Dr. Hollingshead, Dr. DeRossett, of Wilmington, North Carolina, to Miss Catharine Fullerton, daughter of the late Mr. Joshua Fullerton. (Monday, Aug. 5th, 1799).

Died, on the 28th July last, capt. John Bond Randell. As a parent, friend and neighbour, the worth of this gentleman was highly estimated; and his loss is deplored by many who knew how to appreciate his amiable qualities, which were ever directed by sincerity of heart, and soundness of understanding.

Died, on Sunday evening last, in the 23rd year of his age, Mr. Thomas Shaw Weir, a native of Ireland. His affable disposition and engaging manners had secured him the esteem of a small but polite circle of acquaintance, who regret his premature death. (Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1799).

Married, on the 13th instant, at Fayetteville, Mr. Robert Lane, merchant, of this city, to Miss De Berneire, daughter of John De Berneire, esq. late Lieut. Col. of his Britanic Majesty's 60th regiment of foot. (Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1799).

Died, at Sullivan's Island, on Tuesday morning last, Sims White, esq. aged 61 years. Throughout his life, this gentleman bore the character of an honest man and a good citizen. Early in the American Revolution, he stepped forward and took a commission in the army raised to defend his country's rights and independence; and to the last hour of his life he expressed a great satisfaction at the happiness he enjoyed under a government he had assisted in founding.

On Wednesday, the 7th instant, departed this life, Mrs. Margaret Crafts, wife of William Crafts, esq. merchant, after a painful illness, which she sustained with extraordinary fortitude and resignation.

She died at the age of 34, in the full hope of immortal bliss, avowing her confidence in the mercy of her God. She is lamented by a large circle of friends, and bewailed by her agonized family. (Friday, Aug. 9, 1799).

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Harper, Mr. John Theodore Miller to the amiable and agreeable Miss Lydia Lane, both of this city. (Monday, Aug. 12, 1799).

Died, on Friday last, at North Island, near Georgetown, Mrs. Elizabeth Huger, the amiable and respected widow of Gen. Isaac Huger, deceased.

Died, on Monday last, in this city, after a short illness, Mr. William Moore James, of the High Hills of Santee, aged about 20 years. This young gentleman possessed every amiable quality, both of

the head and heart, so as to endear him to all his friends and acquaintances; and bid fair, had his life been spared, to have made an useful and ornamental member of Society. (Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1799).

Married, on Tuesday evening last, by the Right Rev. Bishop Smith, Mr. Turner Bynum, to Miss Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Mr. John Miller, both of this city. (Thursday, Aug. 15, 1799).

Died, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. at Columbia, much esteemed and greatly lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, captain Swanson Lunsford, for several years a merchant of that place.

Died, on Tuesday last, Master William C. Legge, of Newbern, North Carolina.

Died, in this city, on Monday the 5th instant, in the bloom of life, Mr. John Connolly, for some years past one of the professors in Georgetown College, Maryland. This gentleman's amiable disposition, added to a cultivated understanding, endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

And on Wednesday morning last, died, Mr. Owen Donlevy. Of this gentleman it may with propriety be said, he was sincere and unshaken in his attachments, upright and confidential, and strictly speaking, the truly honest and pious man.

Both these gentlemen were natives of Ireland. (Friday, Aug. 16, 1799).

Died, on Monday, in this city, after a short illness, Master William Scott, son of Joseph J. Scott, esq., of Hilton Head, in the 15th year of his age. He was a promising youth, and showed flattering prospects of becoming a respectable member of society had his life been spared. (Saturday, Aug. 17, 1799).

Died, on Friday morning last, after a few days illness, in his 18 year, Mr. John Chesnut, jun. youngest son of John Chesnut, esq. of Camden; a youth whose sweetness of manners and temper, had secured him the love and esteem of all his acquaintance.

Died, on Friday morning last, after a short though severe illness, Mr. James Crawford, lately from Ireland. The eminent virtues of this gentleman rendered him truly amiable and respected During his short residence in this city he had endeared himself to a respectable circle of acquaintances, who feel a lively sorrow for the loss they have sustained. (Monday, Aug. 19, 1799).

Died, on Saturday last, after a short and painful illness, Miss Susannah Miles, daughter of Mr. John Miles. This young lady was possessed of a good disposition, and every amiable quality which endeared her to her friends and acquaintances, and placed her first in the estimation of her governess.

Died, on Sunday morning, after a few days illness, Mr. Covington Hardy, a native of Virginia, aged 25 years; whose modest and amiable manners had endeared him to all his acquaintance. (Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1799).

Died, on Saturday evening last, after a short illness, William Smelt, aged 13 years, a native of Yorkshire in England, and nephew to David Bailey, Bookseller of this city. (Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1799).

Died, on Sunday evening last, Samuel Jerman, son of the late Edward Jerman, of Santee.

Died, on Monday last, Mr. John Cunningham, merchant; a young gentleman whose suavity of manners, and propriety of conduct during the short time of his residence here, attached to him a number of respectable acquaintances, who now deplore his early loss.

And,

On Tuesday evening, Mr. James Robson, his copartner in business, as deservedly esteemed and not less lamented.

Died, on Sunday last, Mr. William King, aged 22 years,

And

On Tuesday last, Mr. James King, aged 24 years, brother to the above.

Died, on the 20th inst. in the 16th year of her age, Miss Harriet Hails, daughter of Robert Hails, esq. planter, of this state. . . . (Long notice omitted). (Thursday, Aug. 22, 1799).

Died, on Sullivan's Island, on Wednesday morning Master William F. Ferguson, only son of Mr. William C. Ferguson. (Friday, Aug. 23, 1799).

Married, in Providence, Rhode-Island, on the 4th inst. Henry Ward, esq. of London, to Miss Mary Grimke, of South Carolina.

Died, on the 22nd instant, George Stavert, a native of Roxboroughshire, in Scotland, aged 20 years, a young man of exemplary sobriety; has left a wife and two young children, near Boston to bewail his premature fate.

Died, yesterday morning, Miss Amelia De Grasse, eldest daughter of the late Count De Grasse.

Died, on the 22nd inst. Mr. Joseph Jones, of Millford, in the state of Massachusetts, in the 64th year of his age; he was sick of the prevailing fever only three days, and has left a wife and nine children to lament his untimely death, and to whom his loss is irreparable.

Died, on Wednesday morning last, in the fourteenth year of her age, Miss Mary Mortimore Harris, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Harris, deceased. To her weeping friends and acquaintances who best knew her worth, the loss is irreparable; but her memory to them will be ever dear. (Saturday, Aug. 24, 1799).

On Friday last, the 23rd of August, died in this city Miss Amelia De Grasse, eldest daughter of the late Count De Grasse, lieutenant-general of his most Christian Majesty, the late King of France, and commander of the royal and military order of St. Lewis. Her death is most sincerely regretted by her family, and those to whom she was particularly known.

Died, on Saturday morning last, after a few days illness, Mr. John B. Ricketts, architect and marble mason. Mr. Ricketts was a native of England, and had established himself here in the line of his profession a few months past: as an ingenious workman he is a real loss to the public.

Died, the 20th instant, in the prime of life, after three days illness, Mr. Adam Partridge, son of Mr. Eli Partridge, of Chesterfield, in the state of New-Hampshire.

Died, on Thursday last, in the 17th year of her age, Miss Sarah Withers, daughter of William Withers, esq. deceased. Her numerous friends and acquaintances will ever regret the stroke that deprived them of one whose virtues and urbanity of manners had endeared her, by the strongest ties, to all who had the happiness to know her. (Verses omitted). (Monday, Aug. 26, 1799).

Died, on Sunday last, after a short illness, Mr. Peter Charron. His death is sincerely lamented by all who knew him.

Died, on Saturday last, Miss Elizabeth Miles, youngest daughter of Mr. John Miles. This young lady possessed those qualifications which endeared her to all, and renders the melancholy event a subject of extreme regret to those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. (Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1799).

Died, on Monday morning last, after a short illness, in the 29th year of his age, Mr. John Neale, steward of the orphan house of this city. While in the service of this institution, his conduct was such as gained him the esteem of the commissioners.

On Sunday last, departed this transitory world, in the bloom of life, Mr. Peter Charron, a native of Old France, aged 29 years: a man of genteel and pleasing manners, joined to a heart replete with every social virtue. His remains, in the evening of the same day, were decently interred in the Romish Chapel yard, attended by a respectable number of friends.

Departed this life on Saturday night Miss Eliza Miles, youngest daughter on Mr. John Miles, aged thirteen, whose virtues rendered her dear to all her friends. [Eulogy and verses omitted]. (Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1799).

Died, in Monday evening last, Mr. Samuel Wyly Lang, second son of James Lang, esq. of Camden. The honesty, integrity and industry of this young man, was exceeded by none: and his friends and acquaintances sincerely condole with his afflicted parents, in their being thus early deprived of a son, who promised to have been the support and consolation of their declining years. (Thursday, August 29, 1799).

Died, on Monday last, in this city, Mr. John Elwood, lately from Weymouth in England.

Died, on Monday night last, after a few days painful illness, in the 20th year of his age, Mr. Samuel Warnock; whose untimely fate in the bloom of life, is most sincerely and deservedly regretted.

Died, on Monday last, after a short illness, Mr. Alexander Stewart Frink, carpenter, aged 24 years, a native of Preston in Connecticut. The pleasing manners and integrity of character which this young man was remarkable for, render his death a subject of deep regret to all who knew him. (versus omitted). (Friday, Aug. 20, 1799).

Died, on Thursday evening, at Sullivan's Island, Samuel Stent, esq. for a number of years past a representative from this city in the legislature of this state. This worthy character died as he had lived, as tranquil in his mind, as he was benevolent and humane in his disposition; he will be lamented by all who had a knowledge of his worth, and none who knew his merits will refuse to bear testimony to his friendship and love to his fellow creatures.

Died, early yesterday morning, after a short illness, Mr. Henry Chorley Manley, merchant of this city, and a native of Devonshire, in England, aged 28 years. During the few months this gentleman resided here, his upright conduct and amiable manners gained him the esteem and friendship of a very respectable part of the community. His friends by this melancholy event are deprived of the society of a man who endeared himself to them by his engaging deportment; his early loss will be long and sincerely lamented by them.

Died, on Thursday morning last, Miss Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of Thomas Palmer, of Santee, planter, in the twelfth year of her age. This young lady evinced such a meekness of temper, and such sensibility of heart as makes her lamented by all who knew her.

Died, on Wednesday morning last, after a short illness, Mrs. Abigail Lazell, relict of Mr. Joseph Lazell, lately from Bridgewater, Massachusetts. (Saturday, Aug. 31, 1799).

Died, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. after a few days illness, which she bore with Christian patience, Mrs. Lucretia Munro, aged 31 years. It may be truly said of her, that none knew her real worth, save those who were most intimate with her tranquil, benevolent and amiable mind. (Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1799).

Died, yesterday, Martha Kennedy, daughter of capt. James Kennedy, aged 18 months. This is six out of eight promising children that he and his disconsolate consort have been bereft of within a few years by the grim tyrant death, "who spares nor age nor sex." (Thursday, Sept. 5, 1799).

Died, on the 4th inst. Mr. Avris Ezell, aged 21 years. (Saturday, Sept. 7, 1799).

Died, at Georgetown, the 5th instant, at an advanced age, Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Dupre, a truly pious and religious lady. As she lived a christian life, so she died, perfectly resigned to the will of Heaven. Her relatives and intimate acquaintances will long feel the want of her affections and friendship.

Died, on Saturday the 31st ult. after an illness of three days, Mrs. John Morrison, aged 31 years. She arrived about ten months ago from England: a lady whose memory will long be cherished by her friends, to whom she was most dear. She has left a disconsolate husband, and an only daughter to feel and deplore her loss.

To say she was a dutiful daughter, a tender wife, a loving mother, and a most affectionate sister, is doing her memory but common justice, for in each of these dear relationships she was most exemplary.

Died, on Saturday last, after a short illness, Mr. Matthew Jarman, aged 20 years, a native of Great Britain. He came to this state about ten months ago: as an industrious young man his loss is sincerely felt by his relations and friends. (Monday, Sept. 9, 1799).

Married, on Sunday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Buist, Mr. William Watson to Miss Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mr. Caleb Smith, of this city.

On Sunday last, a short illness put a period to the invaluable life of Dr. Stephen Dickson, Fellow of the College of Physicians of Ireland, formerly State Physician of Ireland, and Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Dublin. It is not sufficient to say that the premature death of this worthy man is a loss to his afflicted widow, children and relatives; but it may be said with truth that the public at large are suffers, as he has been arrested by the fatal messenger while engaged in pursuits calculated to infuse the highest kind of knowledge in the rising generation, in accomplishing which the force of his superior genius and attainments, softened by ease and affability, were such as gained him the esteem of all who knew him. "He informed while he seemed to enquire, and charmed, while he conveyed instruction." In a word, a man of science is snatched from Carolina.

Died, on Sunday last, Mr. John Bennett, a native of Rhode-Island, aged 33 years; who has left a disconsolate widow and one child, and a number of acquaintances to bemoan his loss.

Died, on the 6th instant, Mrs. Harriot Luscomb, lately from London, after a short illness, aged 28 years. The amiable qualities possessed by this lady endeared her to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance; she has left a young child and a disconsolate husband to bemoan her loss. (Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1799).

Died, yesterday morning, after an illness of four days, Mr. Horatia Gates Hall, a native of Maryland, and lately from Philadelphia, on his way to Georgia. This young gentleman is the fourth out of five strangers, passengers in the Baltimore Packet, who have fallen within the space of a few days, a victim of the fever now

prevailing among the foreigners in this city. He possessed a genius, literary taste, and mental acquirements, rarely to be met with in a person of the age of only 20 years: and which, united to a cheerful disposition and pleasantness of manners, would have rendered him, had he lived, an ornament to the respectable profession he intended to pursue, as well as the pride and comfort of his numerous friends and relatives.

Died, on Monday last, in the 38th year of his age, Mr. Samuel Robinson, a native of Ireland. During the few months he spent here, he had secured the esteem of a small but polite circle of acquaintance, who regret his premature death. (Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1799).

Died, on Sunday evening last, Mr. Custeen Winn, in the 16th year of his age, brother of Mr. Joseph Winn, merchant, of this city. Although early snatched from this transitory life, he had acquired a number of young friends, who, with his relatives, regret the loss of an amiable and promising youth.

Died, on the 10th instant, Mr. John Singleton, much lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance; he always supported a good and honest character, a fond father, and good husband. (Thursday, Sept. 12, 1799).

A melancholy accident took place yesterday in George-street, near King-street, at Mr. Fleming's corner. The horses in a cart ran off with it, and knocked a child of a Mr. Henry out of its nurses arms; the child fell under, and was crushed to instant death, by the wheel of the cart; the nurse was standing close to Mr. Fleming's brick wall, but there were no posts to protect her. It is hoped the commissioners of the streets will guard against similar disasters, by immediately ordering the erection of posts for the defence of foot passengers, in those streets where they are deficient.

Died, on Thursday evening, after a short illness, in the 51st year of his age, Mr. John Eberley; a man whose philanthropy and benevolence will long endear his name to a large number of friends and acquaintances. (Saturday, Sept. 14, 1799).

Died, yesterday morning, Master Stephen Dickson, aged 12 years, son of the much lamented Dr. Stephen Dickson, whose death happened on the Sunday before, as mentioned in the papers last week. (Verse omitted). (Monday, Sept. 16, 1799).

On Sunday evening, departed this life, after a few days sickness, of the prevailing fever, Thomas Wadsworth, esq. aged forty-four years. This gentleman was born at Milton, near Boston, State of Massachusetts, but has resided in this state for a number of years, during which time he filled several important public stations, and at the time of his death was one of the wardens of this city. He was ever the firm supporter of the rights and liberties of the people, and strongly attached to a republican form of government, as secured to the citizens of America by the federal constitution; of strict integrity in all his dealings; and having, by his industry, acquired a handsome property, he was even ready to relieve the distress of his fellow creatures. He has left an aged mother to lament the loss of an only child; a disconsolate widow, a tender husband; and a number of relatives, a kind and affectionate friend. By his death also, a large circle of friends and acquaintances are deprived of a well informed, pleasing and social companion; and the public at large of a valuable citizen, and a truly honest man.

Died, on Sunday last, after a short but painful illness, Miss Elizabeth Waring, in the 14th year of her age, eldest daughter of Joseph Waring, esq. of St. George's Parish. The loss of this young lady is sincerely regretted by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. (Verses omitted).

Died, on Edisto Island, the 3rd instant, Mrs. Mary Winborn Matthews, the amiable consort of the Rev. E. Matthews, after seventeen days painful illness, which she bore with a fortitude that bespoke her reliance on her God, and confidence in her Redeemer. (Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1799).

Died, on Wednesday last, the 11th instant, Mr. James Miles, a native of England, but lately from New York. (Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1799).

Died, at Beaufort, on the 12th instant, Doctor Robert D. Jackson, much regretted by his friends and acquaintances.

Died, on the 10th instant, at Chachan, the seat of the late Samuel Cordes, esq. in St. Stephen's Parish, Thomas Cordes, jun. esquire, for several years a representative in the legislature of this state. His loss is sincerely regretted by his relatives and friends. (Thursday, Sept. 19, 1799).

Died, in June last, at Bath, James Poyas, esq. of London, formerly a merchant of this city.

Died, on the 18th instant, at Sullivan's Island, after a painful and lingering illness, which she bore with patience, fortitude and pious resignation, Mrs. Elizabeth Bacot, relict of Peter Bacot, esq. deceased, in the 53rd year of her age: a lady whose affectionate disposition and, and tender parental care, render her loss severely felt by her disconsolate family; and whose kindness and benevolence cause her death to be deeply lamented, by an extensive circle of friends, relatives and acquaintances.

Died, yesterday morning, in this city, Miss Malvina DeGrasse, third daughter of the late Count DeGrasse, lieutenant general of his most Christian Majesty the late King of France, and Commander of the Royal Order of St. Louis. Her death is most sincerely regretted by her family, and those to whom she was particularly known.

Died, on the 18th inst. Mrs. Eliza Marlen, a native of Boston, in the 20th year of her age: a young lady whose endearing qualities had rendered her the pride of her family, and whose loss to an affectionate husband is inconsolable.

"Crompt like a flower in her early bloom,

Whose flattering prospect promis'd years to come"

(Friday, Sept. 20, 1799).

Died, on Tuesday morning, the 10th instant, Mr. James Miles, late of the firm of Ricketts and Miles, after a few days illness, aged 25 years.

Died, on Thursday evening last, in the 7th year of her age, Mary Smith Kreps, daughter of Andrew Kreps. (Saturday, Sept. 21, 1799).

Married, on Saturday evening last, by the reverend Mr. Frost, Mr. John Smith, to Mrs. Elizabeth Norris, both of this city.

Died, on the 21st instant, in the 30th year of her age, Mrs. Elizabeth Blair, wife of Mr. James Blair, after a long and painful illness which she endured with a patience peculiar to her sex. She has left a tender husband, and two small children, to regret to loss of a virtuous and affectionate wife and parent. (Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1799).

Married, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Buist, Mr. Henry Wickham Mann, to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, both of this city. (Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1799).

Married, on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Frost, Mr. James Mitchell, to Mrs. Ann How, both of this city.

Died, on Sunday last, in the 70th year of her age, Mrs. Ann Smith, after a lingering and painful illness, which she bore with exemplary fortitude and resignation. (Saturday, Sept. 28, 1799).

[There was an epidemic of fever, probably yellow fever at this time prevailing on the Atlantic Coast; in Philadelphia there were 26 deaths in 24 hours on the 23d of September].

(To be continued)

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY, MARCH
1733/34

Contributed by MABEL L. WEBBER

This Presentment of the Grand Jury is the first one to be found in the *South-Carolina Gazette*, which began in January, 1731/2.

The Court of General Sessions sat in Charles-Town twice a year, the third Wednesday in March, and the third Wednesday in October. The presentments are not printed with any regularity, but when found give considerable information concerning some of the local problems of the Provincial period. This particular presentment appears in the paper for Saturday, March 23, to March 30, 1733/4.

South-Carolina. The Presentment of the Grand Jury for the Body of this Province at the General Sessions of the Peace Oyer and Terminer, Assize and General Goal Delivery, begun and holden at Charles-Town on Wednesday the 20th Day of March, Anno Domini 1733, before the Honourable Robert Wright Esq; Chief Justice &c.

Imprimus We present as a very great grievance the Negroes Meeting in such Numbers in the Streets of Charles Town on the Lords Day, both in and after the Time of Divine Service, whereby great Noise and Disturbance happens, with prophane cursing and swearing and other enormities to the Great Scandal of Christianity and Offence of all sober and well disposed persons, and hazard of their running into greater Extravagance and endangering the safety of the Inhabitants by such great Licence.

2. We present further that it is a common Practice by Several Persons in Charles Town, to suffer their Negroes to work out by the Week, and Oblige them to bring in a certain Hire which is not only Contrary to a Law now subsisting, but a Great Inlet to Idleness, Drunkenness and other Enormities.

3. We present it as a very great Grievance and Damage to the Inhabitants of this Province, the Want of a publick Prison, whereby Rogues have often made their Escape from publick justice, much to the Encouragement of Villany, and the Disturbance of the publick Peace: and further, that unfortunate Debtors, for want

of a more convenient Place, are kept promiscuously with Criminals both Whites and Blacks; which is a great Aggravation to their Misfortunes, and makes their case most miserable.

4. We present as a Grievance the Want of a Work House to punish idle and disorderly People, and prevent the great Increase of Poor in Charlestown, who by flocking in from different parts of this Province, increase the annual Charge, and become a very great Burden on the Inhabitants of the Same.

5. We present as a very great Hardship and Grievance, that the Provost Marshal is not obliged to give Security to the subject as well as to the Crown; it being the Practice, as we are inform'd, of all other his Majesty's Plantations in America, and agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Great Britain, where every High Sheriff is obliged to it.

6. We present as a grievance that the Roads and Bridges in Christ-Church Parish are Neglected Contrary to Law.

7. We present as a very great Grievance, that the New Cut¹ is not cleared and kept open, which often proves a very great Interruption to Trade and a Manifest Damage to several Inhabitants of this Province: And we do present the Commissioners appointed by Law, for the great Neglect of this Duty.

8. We present the Commissioners of St. James Santee, for Neglecting to repair the Bridge over Savannah Creek, in the Way heading from Skreen's Ferries to Childsberry &c.

9. We present as a great Grievance the Want of a Scavenger, and proper Regulations for keeping clear the Streets of Charles-Town, and in particular the Common Shewer or Water Course, running a-cross Church Street through Mr. Doux Saints & Mrs. Bettison's Garden, being stopt up, whereby the way to and from the Church is often almost unpassable: And also, that several Houses have Drains running under them into the Streets, are very much to the Inconveniency of the several Inhabitants.

10. We present as a great Nusance and dangerous Consequence the Melting of Tallow by the several Chandlers in such publick and close built parts of the Town.

11. We present as a very great Grievance and an intolerable Hardship on the several Inhabitants of Charles Town, that

¹ Cut between the Stono and Wadmalaw rivers.

Negroes are suffered to buy and sell, and be Hucksters of Corn, Pease, Fowls &c. whereby they watch Night and Day on the several Wharves, and buy up many Articles necessary for the Support of the Inhabitants and make them pay an exorbitant Price for the same: And we do present all Hucksters Fare-stallers and Regrators; and also the want of proper Officers to put the Laws in Execution for preventing the Same, which might as we Conceive, all be remedied, and proper Regulations made for that purpose, with a strict Inspection into Weights and Measures, in which there is great Corruption and Fraud through-out the whole Province.

12. We present the Commissioners for not cutting the Creek through from Stono River into Wappo according to a Law made for that purpose.

13. We present as a great Grievance that many of his Majesty's Subjects have suffered and are liable to great hardships, by being served with *Writs of Scire facias* for not appearing as Jury Men, when they have been ready to swear that they never were duly summoned thereto. Not that we would be thought hereby, to complain of the Issuing out such Writs; but the Hardship we complain of is, that the Oath alone of a Marshal's Deputy, whose general Characters are pretty well known, should have so great weight.

14. We present as a Grievance by the Information of Capt. Edw. Croft, Chil. Croft and J. Colcock upon Oath, James Graeme Esq., for that he has acted as a Magistrate in Matters wherein he was retained as Council at Law: And that he has attempted to put in possession the Person for whom he was in that affair Concern'd as Council, under pretence and colour of recording a Forcible Detainer, which Proceedings of the said James Graeme we apprehend Illegal and highly offensive to good Order and Government.

ANTH. BONNEAU, *Foreman.*

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